

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 6,622,016 (Sladek). Note that claims 24-33 were not specifically rejected in the Office Action. Claims 24-33 were added in the previous reply to Office Action.

Claims 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32 and 33 are each amended from dependent form to independent form with the scope of each claim remaining *unchanged*. Since no specific rejection has been asserted against these claims, allowance of each of these claims is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1, 22, and 23 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Amended independent claim 14 recites a switch system having a controller to receive a call request over a packet-based network from a first terminal, the first terminal associated with a logical identifier, the caller request targeting a second terminal that is coupled to a second switch system. The controller is adapted to further send signaling to the second switch system over a packet-based trunk provided over the packet-based network. In addition, the switch system includes a storage unit containing information relating to features of the first terminal, the information associated with the logical identifier of the first terminal. The information includes a telephone number for a speed-dial button of the first terminal.

Such information is not stored in any of the switches of Sladek. Sladek describes the storing of subscriber profile information in various switches in the network of Figure 2. However, the profiles include parameters such as trigger points for subscribers. Sladek, 11:66-12:1. The profile information may also include service logic that a designated network entity employs for a subscriber to provide one or more desired services. Sladek, 6:35-38. Another parameter includes basic service functions that can be carried out by a serving system without assistance from a central control point, such as call origination restrictions or password control. Sladek, 6:43-47. However, nowhere is there any indication in Sladek that the profile information contains a telephone number for a speed-dial button of a terminal. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 14 is not anticipated by Sladek.

Similarly, with respect to claim 25, there is no teaching by Sladek of storing in a first switch, information relating to a *speed-dial feature* of a first terminal that is coupled to the first switch over a packet-based network.

With respect to independent claim 31, Sladek does not teach accessing a profile containing information relating to a speed dial feature of a first terminal. With respect to independent claim 33, there is not teaching by Sladek of storing information relating to a speed dial feature of a first terminal that is coupled to a first switch over a packet-based network.

With respect to independent claim 26, Sladek does not teach a media connection request from a first switch that enables the first terminal to communicate over the media path of the call session with the second terminal *without passing through the first and second switches*. In the arrangement depicted in Figures 1-3 of Sladek, a media path of a call session must pass through at least one of a destination switch or origination switch. Therefore, claim 26 is not anticipated by Sladek.

Independent claims 28, 30 and 32 are allowable over Sladek for reasons similar as those for claim 26.

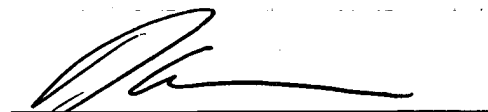
Dependent claims, including newly added dependent claims 34-36, are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRR.0012US).

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